

SUISUN MARSH PIPELINE SPILL UPDATE

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SUISUN CITY, Calif. -- The U.S. Coast Guard, the California Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMP) continue their unified response to a diesel spill into the Suisun Marsh from a breached pipeline near Cordelia, Calif. The following facts apply to this incident:

- The diesel fuel spilled was from a KMP pipeline.
- There are no water intakes for public drinking water affected by this spill.
- The size of the spill is estimated by KMP to be up to 60,000 gallons. This estimate is preliminary and will not be confirmed until further investigation is completed.
- The pipeline is currently stabilized and not releasing any additional product into the marsh. The product that has been released from the pipeline appears to have been contained within an existing diked area.
- The cause of the release is unknown and is under investigation by OSPR and the Coast Guard.
- The pipeline runs from Concord to Sacramento and is 14 inches in diameter. It delivers product to the Sacramento area and continues to delivery points in Chico, Calif., and Reno, Nev.
- The owner/operator is KMP and is a common carrier that transports refined petroleum products for others and does not own the product.
- KMP shut the pipeline down on Apr. 27 at approximately 6:30 p.m. PDT, after KMP's computerized control system detected an abnormal operating condition in the line.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was the original Federal On Scene Coordinator for the first few hours of the spill.
- The Coast Guard became the Federal On Scene Coordinator at 4 p.m. on Apr. 28.
- Approximately 400-feet of absorbent boom has been deployed to contain the spill.
- There are 242 acres in the area surrounded by dikes where the spill occurred. It is important to note that not all 242 acres appear to be impacted by the spill.

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- Four tidal gates in the area of the spill were closed to help contain the spill.
- The Captain of the Port of San Francisco has established a safety zone for the spill area that is bound by Suisun Marina on the north, the entrance to Suisun Slough on the south, Suisun Slough to the east and the Union Pacific Rail Road track to the west. All persons and vessels are prohibited from entering and transiting within this zone without prior permission from the Captain of the Port.
- KMP crews are working around the clock to replace the damaged section of pipe and expects to resume pipeline service on Sunday.
- The following wildlife have been impacted and taken to the San Francisco Bay Oiled Wildlife Care and Education Center.
 - Seven teal ducklings
 - Four muskrats (Collected dead)
 - Three Sand Pipers (Collected dead)
 - Two adult ducks (One mallard and one bufflehead)
 - One plover (Collected dead)
 - One beaver (Had to be euthanized)
- A U.C. Davis expert has been contracted to provide hazing devices to discourage birds from entering the spill area. Hazing involves propane-operated, sound-producing devices, Mylar tape and balloons.
- The third party damage claims number is (713) 369-8920.
- The timeline of this event is (times are approximate):
 - 6:30 p.m., Apr. 27, abnormal operating conditions detected by KMP's computerized pipeline monitoring and control system. According to KMP, the pipeline was promptly shut down. KMP's crews began walking the pipeline until nightfall to examine the pipeline.
 - 10 a.m., Apr. 28, according KMP, they had completed aerial and ground surveillance of the pipeline finding no evidence of a release.
 - 11 a.m., Apr. 28, KMP contacted the California State Fire Marshal to inform that office of plans to begin pressure testing sections of the pipeline in accordance with normal procedures used to confirm pipeline integrity.
 - 2 p.m., Apr. 28, release location confirmed. According to KMP following confirmation of the release and its location, agency notifications were made.
 - 3 p.m., Apr. 28, OSPR arrived as State on Scene Coordinator.
 - Environmental Protection Agency becomes the Federal On Scene Coordinator.
 - 4 p.m., Apr. 28, U.S. Coast Guard assumes Federal On Scene Coordinator.
 - Overnight, Apr. 28, Unified command established.
 - Morning, Apr. 29, Unified response to spill begins.

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